(d) There is no proposal to review the agreement which was entered into after obtaining the requisite approvals.

Export of Cotton

141. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have remitted export of 68,000 bales of cotton during 1995-96 in spite of severe shortage in its production this year in the country;

(b) whether as a results the prices of cotton yarn are rising and the textiles mills and handloom sector are facing a lot of difficulties; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Government has released an additional export quota of 68,000 bales of staple cotton for export in June, 1995 for the 1994-95 cotton season. Production of cotton in 1994-95 season is estimated to be around 130 lakh bales which is more than last year's production of 121.50 lakh bales.

(b) No, Sir, the average prices of cotton yaran, used by the Handloom sector and texile mills declined during the months of June and July' 95 as compared to the previous months.

(c) Question does not atise.

Working of ITDC Hotels in the Country

142. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation propose to set up task forces and steering committees to achieve the total quality management, work culture and internationalise its style of operations

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and who will be the members;

(c) whether Government have examined the working of the ITDC hotels in the country and particularly in Delhi; and

(d) if so, what are the details of irregularities and incidents of crimes and mismanagement which have come to Government's notice in respect of each ITDC hotel during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up one Steering Committee and Nine Task Forces in order to revise/up-date existing systems and procedures in line with the modern management requirements. The names of Members for these Committees are yet to be decided.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During last three calendar years (1992, 1993 and 1994), few cases of irregularities and mismanagement in different hotels of ITDC, came to the notice of the Government. These are related to misuse of officials position for personal gains, doing private business, cheating of customers, non recovery of dues from shopkeepers, corruption and protecting rent defaulters, etc.

During the same period one case of murder took place in ITDC's hotels when on 13.7.1992 a guest was murdered in Lodi Hotel, New Delhi.

CBI Raids on Doordarshan Office

143. SMT. KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in June, 1995 CBI raided Doordarshan offices at Mandi House,

Delhi and Bombay Doordarshan Kendra; and

(b) if so, the nature of scandal/scam for which raid was made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) During a surprise check of a few Doordarshan Offices at Delhi, CBI have seized some official documents. Subsequently, CBI have also obtained some official documents from Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay.

(b) The C.B.I. report has not been received so far.

Foreign Tourists

144. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to increase the arrival of foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the number of foreign tourists arrived in the country as on 30th June, 1995;

(c) the percentage of increse in the arrival of foreign tourists in comparison to the previous year; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Promotion of Tourism is an on-going process. Steps taken to promote and market India in Overseas Market include advertising through print and electronic media, printing and distribution of publicity material, extending support to Tour Operators and Travel Agents, promote Air Charters for tourists, participation in Fairs and Festivals, promotion through Direct mail and highlighting the tourist attractions of the country through films, Audio Visuals, Posters, Multi-vision Presentations, and through P. R. and personal contracts. Financial outlays have been substantially stepped up in recent years.

(b) to (d) Tourist Statistics are maintained on a Calendar Year basis. The provisional figure of tourist arrivals as on 30th June, 1995 was 9,70,989, recording a growth of 3.3% in the number of tourist arrivals over the corresponding period last year.

Leasing of land by National Airports Authority

145. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether massive bungling and corruption in the laeasing of surplus airport land by the National Airports Authority (NAA) for commercial purposes has come to Government's notice as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated 28th and 29th January, 1995;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) the present position in regard to leasing of NAA land at Hyderbad Airport and the action taken/likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government's notice has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express dated 28th and 29th June, 1995.

(b) and (c) The Chief Vigilance Officer of the Airports Authority of India (National Airports Division) in his investigation report has pointed out irregularities in the leasing of land to M/s. Shri Shakti Resorts & Hotels Ltd. at Hyderabad Airport. The report is under examination of the Government.